

Wards 4/7 NPA Meeting
4/22/15
Miller Center 130 Gosse Court
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7:00pm Meeting Begins with introductions and public announcements

A representative from the Georgia Lions club shares updates about programs and initiatives supported by local Lions Club groups. Informs the group that the Burlington Lions Club has disbanded after 85 years due to lack of new member enrolment. Tells group to inform local Lions Club officials if anyone in the audience is interested in reforming the Burlington Lions Club and recruiting new members

Friends of Leddy Park are asking for volunteers to help with Green Up Day clean-up at Leddy Park on Saturday May 2nd starting at 9:00am. Volunteers will be meeting at the Tennis Courts.

The Local Elks Club encourages the public to attend their weekly Friday Dinners at their lodge on North Avenue. The Elks Club also hosts Monday Bingo Night. A Casino Night will be hosted on Saturday April 25 and there will be a family brunch on Mother's Day. Those looking to attend any events are encouraged to call 802-862-1342 to make reservations.

The City Hall Internship program is now recruiting for its summer 2015 class. High school students are encouraged to apply. More information can be found on the burlingtonvt.gov website.

Meeting moves into the formal agenda items.

A Housing Summit sponsored by the NPAs will be held in response to the City's Housing Action Plan. The Housing Summit will occur May 20 at 7pm in Contois Auditorium. Topics of the Housing Summit will include: form-based code, parking, affordability, creative housing solutions, inclusionary zoning, student pressures on the housing market and transportation. Tom Angotti, author of "New York for Sale: Community Planning Confronts Global Real Estate" will be guest speaker.

City Councilors David Hartnett and Tom Ayers as well as School Board member Dave Kirk offer updates.

On May 9, Kids' Day in Burlington, a little league program for kids with disabilities will debut at 4:00pm at Schifilliti Park.

Update on recent arrests related to string of break-ins in the New North End.

Members of the public are encouraged to view upcoming boards and commissions vacancies and to apply to open positions. Those positions can be found on the burlingtonvt.gov website. Kurt Wright will chair the selection committee while David Hartness and Selene Colburn will also sit on the committee. In respect of the recently passed ballot initiative, political affiliation will not be considered as a qualifying factor.

Search for a new Police Chief is ongoing. There will be a community forum on the search process Tuesday April 28 from 6-7:30pm in Contois Auditorium.

City Council will delay action on the Housing Action Plan until after the upcoming Housing Summit.

Edmunds School is beginning \$3 million dollars of updates to its facilities this summer. Work will continue into next summer.

There are ongoing efforts to relocate existing Burlington School District Programs currently located at Taft School to another location.

Teacher contract negotiations are now ongoing. 6 board members will sit on the negotiation committee.

Update on Farrington Mobile Home Park. Residents of the park have formed the North Avenue Coop. The Coop's goal is to maintain the property as an owner-resident park as opposed to a rental park. Currently 78-80% of the park's residents belong to the coop. They are now seeking grants and loans to purchase the property. Deadline for making an offer is May 22.

Update on the City Pesticide Ordinance. The Burling Board of Public Health has established a 500 foot buffer zone around streams and waterways within the Lake Champlain Watershed where residents and businesses must receive special approval to apply lawn chemicals and pesticides. Effort is part of "Health Lawns=Healthy Lives" campaign. Those applying pesticides are required to place signage every 100 feet along a property line for at least 24 hours after application to inform community members.

Rising tide Vermont presented informed group about ongoing efforts around the construction of a gas pipeline through Chittenden County and unforeseen costs encountered by Vermont Gas in the process. Informed group about potential rate hikes. Pipeline project is now under review by the Public Service Board to determine the long term viability and impacts of the project.

North Avenue Task Force Members have begun official meetings. Task Force includes 15 members. Group currently meets at Burlington College room 235. Meetings are open to the public. More information can be found on the Department of Public Works website. Task Force working on strategies to implement North Avenue pilot program which would change road configuration from 4 lanes to 3 lanes and two bike lanes. Pilot program will begin in the

summer of 2016. The rest of 2015 will be used to establish base metrics for determining the impacts of the pilot project.

9:05pm Meeting Adjourns.